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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VALENTINE ET AL.

Examiner

Scott L. Weaver

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-26,28-42,44-58 and 60-79 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-26,28-42,44-58 and 60-79 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-26, 28-42, 44-58, and 60-79 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Upon further consideration the reference is deemed appropriate to teach the claimed network address of the claims as defined by reference to known definitions of URL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-2, 4-23, 42, 44-51, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted steps are: the specified steps do not accomplish the intended purpose of the claim which is stated as a method 'for distributing...', since the steps as presented do not provide the intended distributing in any of the steps presented.

4. Claims 24-26, 28-41, 52- 58, and 60- 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are . any system for associating as there is no 'associating' accomplished by the presented function or identifiers. As is intended in the preamble of each claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2, 4, 17-19, 24-26, 28-30, 33, 40, 42, 44, 52, 57-58, 60, and 73-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krane (#5,799,063).

The claims read on Krane as follows: Krane teaches (with reference to col.2,ln.66-col.3,ln.9; col.3,ln.58-col.4,ln.10; col.6,ln.48-col.7,ln.40; col.9,ln.31-53) method and associated apparatus for performing method of distributing audio with at least one text document over a network, including receiving the audio data and first identifier (each audio file has a file name which is associated therewith, alternatively the identifier can be a URL **(a URL is considered as including a network address as defined by the claims)** which includes the file name) the audio is received from a server, a second identifier (a URL) is generated for association with the audio data and the URL is incorporated into a text document (Web Page) as pertains to claims 1, 24, 42, 52, and 57. The audio data is received from a network (the audio data is prerecorded and stored on the SoundSite audio server) as pertains to claims 2, 25, 44 and 58. With respect to claims 4, 40, 60, a media ID (file type) is generated via (col.7,ln.21-26). With respect to claim 17, 18, 26, 73, 74, the generation of the second identifier is based on the first identifier as the first and second identifier can be the same. With respect to claims 19, 30, 75 the distribution includes distributing audio data with at least one HTML document (col.6,ln.51-65).

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At least one database is in communication with at least one server as pertains to claims 28, (18, figure 1-2) and a telephone server (32, figure 3) is included as per claim 33. the database includes at least the first identifier as per claim 29, audio data is enabled to be retrieved via telephone as per claim 36.

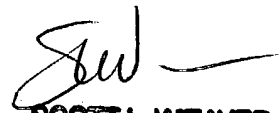
Conclusion

7. The prior art previously made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
8. Claims 5-16, 20-23, 31-32, 34-39, 41, 45-51, 53-56, 61-72, and 76-79 are rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if limitations of the independent claims are rewritten to overcome the confusion noted above, the applicable prior art of record at this time does not teach the combination of limitations as presented thereby.
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott L. Weaver whose telephone number is 703-308-6974. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Sunday 8-AM to 6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 703-305-4895. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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